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1. DR. KETCHUM, A CONSULTANT TO THE EWT PANEL OF THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION ON CRITICAL CHOICES FOR AMERICANS, VISITED BONN ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1974. AT HIS REQUEST, THE EMBASSY ARRANGED AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEEG OF THE FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY. KETCHUM ALSO MET WITH HOELSCHER OF THE FRG, MFA ECONOMIC RELATIONS TO THE EAST OFFICE.

2. WITH FRAU STEEG, KETCHUM DISCUSSED VARIOUS BARRIERS TO EXPANDED TRADE WITH THE SOVIETS SUCH AS NON-CONVERTIBILITY AND FAILURE OF THE SOVIETS TO JOIN GATT. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE KETCHUM WAS BRIEFED ON THE STATUS OF FRG BILATERAL TRADE WITH EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE EC'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRADE QUESTIONS.

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3. KETCHUM INDICATED HE HAD BEEN TRAVELLING IN

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA, THE USSR, BELGIUM AND
FRANCE, IN HIS WORK FOR THE COMMISSION. HE TOLD AN
EMBOFF THAT THE STAFF OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE MEETING
IN WASHINGTON IN MID-OCTOBER TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON
VARIOUS REPORTS WHICH ARE BEING WRITTEN. AT THAT
TIME, KETCHUM PLANS TO CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT AND SEEK
ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN THE EB BUREAU AND ASKED
US TO INFORM WASHINGTON THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET
WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMANN. HILLENBRAND

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